

## CALIFORNIA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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### News Items, September 1931

"Concessions have been granted by the Mexican Government to J. R. Brinkley, Milford, Kansas, rejuvenation specialist, for the establishment of a radio station at Villa Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico, across the border from Del Rio, Texas. Brinkley, who has operated a station at Milford, was recently denied his license by the Federal Radio Commission on the basis the station was not being operated in the public interest" (United Press dispatch, San Francisco *News*, August 3, 1931). (Previous entries, July and October, 1930.)

Attention of the Investigation Department has recently been called to the incorporation of the "Antithesians," which, according to the articles of incorporation, deal with Celosophy, defined as "drugless, save and except for the simple remedies found in every family medicine chest . . . (and) . . . does not include surgery other than the use of the fluoroscope and roentgen ray for observation purposes and colonic irrigations for cleansing and relief." According to the literature, membership costs \$10 for men and \$5 for women.

Recent press dispatches relate the appointment of George Sabichi, M. D., well known physician of Bakersfield, superintendent of the Whittier School for Boys.

Press dispatches relate that on July 14, 1931, Dr. Mildred E. Thoren, who has been acting as superintendent of Weimar Joint Sanitarium since the death of Doctor Whittington, was by action of the supervisors appointed medical director and general superintendent.

According to reports, Lau Yit Cho, alias Lau Wing, alias Kang Hing, Chinese herbalist, 502 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, on July 24, 1931, in the United States Federal Court, San Francisco, Judge Cosgrave presiding (Docket 22687), pleaded guilty to a felony in using the mails to defraud in violation of a postal fraud order, and was sentenced to five years' probation, with the understanding that he was to comply with the probation officer's orders and was not to use the mails in violation of the law and if he did so he would be sent to the penitentiary without any further trial or hearing. "Following the recent issuance of a fraud order against this firm at 502 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, they changed their name from Lau Yit Cho to Kang Hing and proceeded to mail out their same old literature of Lau Yit Cho that they had always used, and, regardless of the complaint, they sent the same diet slip and other instructions that they had used under their old name. . . ." (Previous entries, November 1930; July 1931.)

"Extreme leniency was shown Dr. S. A. Barber, sixty-one, Porterville doctor, here today, when he was granted two years' probation by Superior Judge Frank Lamberson, after pleading guilty to a charge of performing an illegal operation upon a nineteen-year-old Mendota girl last April. Terms of the probation include a suspended prison sentence and the proviso that the doctor leave Porterville fifteen days after his release from the county Jail, where he is serving an eight months' sentence for selling morphin to Mrs. H. A. Todd of Visalia . . ." (Fresno *Bee*, August 3, 1931). (Previous entry, June and July 1931.)

"Revocation of the license of Dr. Wesley M. Barrett, osteopathic physician, was announced yesterday by the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, following a hearing at the Biltmore Hotel. Doctor Barrett was charged with unprofessional conduct" (Los Angeles *Illustrated Daily News*, July 8, 1931). (Previous entry, May 1927.)

The records show that on July 3, 1931, the Appellate Division of the Superior Court, San Francisco, affirmed the conviction of Arthur Jay Green, who, according to reports, has been conducting lectures, freely using the prefix "Dr." in his advertising although he is said to have no medical credentials entitling him so to do. (Previous entry, April 1931.)

"While employed as a painter at the General Hospital, Francis Hanan, thirty-two, represented to patients that he was a physician and accepted money to treat them, he admitted yesterday in Municipal Judge Harold Landreth's court. Hanan pleaded guilty to violating the State Medical Practice Act by practicing without a license. Judge Landreth imposed a \$100 fine and suspended the penalty, placing Hanan on probation for six months" (Los Angeles *Examiner*, July 29, 1931).

Dr. William I. Kinsley, one-time candidate for Lieutenant Governor of California, today was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for violation of the State Narcotic Act. Doctor Kinsley was convicted on a charge of giving morphin tablets to a woman addict" (San Francisco *Examiner*, August 8, 1931).

Orin Joslin was reported found guilty by a Los Angeles jury August 3 on a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act and the following day was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 or serve twenty-five days in the city jail, sentence being suspended on condition that he does not violate the law or use the suffix M. D. "Defendant gave notice of appeal and was released on \$200 bail."

A complete history of Tsuneyoshi Lawrence Koba, mentioned in "News Items" of February 1930, was printed in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, August 1, 1931, page 339, and is an interesting narrative of the use of fraudulent diplomas, etc.

Adolphe Linke is reported to have pleaded guilty in Los Angeles, August 6, to a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve ten days in jail, both fine and jail sentence being suspended on condition of no further violation.

J. A. Maurer is reported to have pleaded guilty in the Justice Court of Los Angeles on July 23 and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, \$75 of which was suspended for two years on condition of no further violation of the Medical Practice Act, and \$25 paid.

On July 14 Herbert N. Tatum, licensed chiropractor, is reported to have pleaded guilty in the Municipal Court of Los Angeles to a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 or serve twenty days in the city jail.

N. D. Willson, on July 15, 1931, was reported to have pleaded guilty in the Justice Court of Pasadena and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve sixty days in the county jail on a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act, sentence being suspended for two years on condition of no further violation.